

NEWS and GOSSIP of WASHINGTON



This Farmer Man Knew Something About Crows

WASHINGTON.—Consider crows: A farmer man was going along a business street up Georgetown way when, above the clash of traffic, he heard a sound that caused him to look upward. And there on a chimney ledge perched a crow shrilling out his: "Caw, caw, caw."

While the farmer man was craning his neck, another man, in passing, paused to inquire fraternally: "Pet of yours got away?"

The answer went off like an explosion: "What in thunder do you suppose a farmer wants with a crow except to shoot him? I'm plagued to death every year of my life with the darn thing. It's the first thing I hear when I get to town in this infernal cawin'. What do you reckon that rascal up yonder means by wasting his time here where there are no crops to rob, huh?"

"Oh, we've got a rookery of 40,000 crows near Arlington, and I've watched their goings and comings for forty years. You could time a clock by their movements. Every morning in the early gray they fly down the Potomac to their feeding grounds."

"That's where they get me, blank 'em!" The farmer man made his adjective good and strong—no, not good, just strong!

"Live along the eastern shore?"

"No, sir; I'm from old Charles county, God bless her—"

"You don't say! I've got relatives down in that section—fine people, too—and at dusk you ought to see those crows come trailing home in a long, black line, high up in the sky, in clear weather and sailing low in storms. Oh, you can't put me against crows, friend. I've watched them too long."

"That's how I got my opinion—by watchin' 'em, with a shot gun. The rascals are so sharp, though, these days, doggone 'em, that it's hard work getting a pop at them. And you can't frighten 'em with scarecrows any more. Blank it, sir, they light on 'em, right before your eyes."

"Caw, caw, caw," shrilled the crow.

"I'm afraid you are making them blacker than they are. I see you've gone 'dry' down your way, but—"

The city man advanced an enticing proposition; the farmer man accepted, and the two made a bee line for a green swinging door. And up on the chimney ledge the crow was shrilling: "Caw, caw, caw."

Not So Bad as Cynics Would Have Us Believe

A MAN was limping through Lafayette square. It was so early of a Sunday morning that the grounds were empty except for the man and a lone person who was coming down a path toward him, and the same primeval stillness lay over the streets outside, not counting the iconoclastic rattle of passing cars.

The man limped because of a stiff leg that had to be helped out with a cane, and it was a slow limp because, again, his architecture included a bay-window front incompatible with high speed. He carried a newspaper and was lumbering toward a tree-shaded bench, when—

Something in the grass caught his eye. It must have been an important find, for, stiff and stout as he was, he made an elaborate effort to reach down to it—and failed.

Then he straightened up, gave a jiu-jitsu twist to his body and tried to stoop sideways. He failed again.

Nobody wants to be officious, but the lone person who had come along and was about to pass thought it might be a case of dropped specs, or something vital like that, and volunteered first aid.

"Thank you, madam. I would very much like to have one of these white clovers if I might tax your kindness."

The lone person picked exactly one clover from the white powdered grass, and handed it to him. The man accepted it with a bubble of confidence due the occasion.

"These little blooms take me back a half century to the farm that was my home when I was a boy."

The woman smiled appreciative recognition of the sentiment as she passed on; the man lumbered over to his bench and—well, that was really all there was to it except—

When a stiff, stout man, over fifty, can carry about with him enough honest boyhood to prize a clover top for the sake of its associations, the world can't be half so bad as the cynics would have us believe.

Thing That Thrills Some Visitors to the Capital

ONE thing about the small town visitor that thrills is the niceties he preserves in eating. If a confirmed habitue of one of Washington's fashionable restaurants happens to drop a particularly choice bit of meat on the tablecloth he calmly and unhurriedly retrieves it. He is not nervous about it. He is not even nervous if the waiter looks at him reproachfully.

The writer saw one huge, bronzed man with a mighty walrus mustache and an appearance which justified the belief that he could face 15 bad men with guns and not wink an eye. The bad man had ordered a veal cutlet. And one of the best bits of the cutlet escaped the curtain-draped cave that he called his mouth and fell slushily upon the white cloth. The mighty man extended a hamlike hand to pick it up and had almost captured his game when, looking up, he caught the eye of the waiter. His face turned crimson. His colossal hand flapped feebly around, while he pretended to be trying to look at the salt cellar, the sauce—anything. The waiter went toward him icily.

"Anything, sir?" he wanted to know.

"N-no-thing," faltered the big man. "I was—"

"Salt, sir?" asked the waiter, solicitously.

The big man clutched at the suggestion like a drowning man clutching at a straw.

"Yes," he stuttered.

The salt was handed him and he spoiled the remainder of his cutlet with it.

And during the rest of the dreary meal he ate solemnly, sadly, hopelessly, while the waiter stood guard and the fallen piece of meat gleamed wickedly from the tablecloth. Occasionally he would look reproachfully at the waiter. Then he would bow his head mournfully over his food.

This Congressman Comes From a Land of Plenty

"I COME," said Representative Holland of the Norfolk, Va., district—and there was a world of pride in his tones—"I come from that land famed the world over for its good things to eat. A land the fair renown of whose oysters and terrapin and hams is sung throughout the length and breadth of the nation from where"—and Mr. Holland, waxing eloquent, harked back to vaudeictorian days—"from where the icy waters of the Atlantic beat upon the bleak crags of Maine to where the placid waters of the blue Pacific kiss the golden—"

"It's a fact, sir, a fact," concluded Mr. Holland, when reminded that these stories must be limited to 400 words. "I'm right about it; dead right!"

And Mr. Holland is right about it; dead right. Just listen to this luscious litany of the succulent, savory things hailing from the district that calls him representative—a litany he chants with reverent ecstasy, as who wouldn't:

Lynnhaven oysters, canvas-back duck, diamond-back terrapin, Crisfield crabs, Norfolk spots, Chesapeake shad, sora, redbirds, Smithfield hams, March strawberries, April green peas—

Here, waiter, quick! What's tariffs to 'terrapin, or currency bills to canvas-backs? And don't forget the peanut!



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Chicago Architectural, 39 West Adams street.
Chicago Automobile, 321 Plymouth court.
Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and Van Buren street.
Chicago Cycling, 1615, 37 East Van Buren street.
Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe st. City Club, 315 Plymouth court. CHH Dwellers, 216 S. Michigan ave. Colonial Club of Chicago, 4445 Grand boulevard.
Columbia Yacht, foot of Randolph street.
Elks, 174 W. Washington st. Englewood, 6323 Harvard avenue. Edgewater Country, 5658 Winthrop avenue.
Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 33d st. Germania Maennerchor, 106 Germania place.
Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st. Illinois, 113 S. Ashland boulevard. Illinois Athletic, 113 S. Michigan avenue.
Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle hotel.
Iroquois, 21 N. La Salle st. Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st.

Kenwood Country, Drexel boulevard and 48th street.
Marquette, Dearborn ave. and Maple street.
Mid-Day, First National Bank bldg., 17th floor.
Oaks, Lake st. and Waller ave. Press Club of Chicago, 26 North Dearborn street.
Quadrangle, Lexington avenue and 58th street.
Rotary, 38 South Dearborn st. Saddle and Cycle, Sheridan Road and Foster avenue.
South Shore Country, lake shore and 67th street.
Southern, 26 N. Dearborn street. Standard, Michigan ave. and 24th street.
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Twentieth Century, 2246 Michigan avenue.
Union League, Jackson boulevard and Federal street.
Union Printers', Howland block, Monroe and Dearborn.
University, Michigan avenue and Monroe street.

Republicans freely predict the nomination of William Hale Thompson for Mayor.

Why has the fight on the Harvester Trust been abandoned?

Judge John R. Caverly is one of the most popular men on the bench.

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MUNICIPAL NEWS

Some Items of Interest From the Public Offices About Occurrences of the Week.

The South Side is to have an elaborate bathing beach, construction of far-reaching breakwaters, filling in of submerged lands and establishment of an extended harbor line. Application will be made to the Secretary of War for permission to do the work.

Concurrent action by the city council necessary to provide these improvements was taken Monday at the regular council meeting. An ordinance providing approval of the plan of the South Park commissioners and requesting permission from the Secretary of War to proceed with the modification of the harbor lines and park extension work was passed.

A bathing beach will be established to rival the Revere beach at Boston.

Facilities will be provided to care for from 8,000 to 10,000 bathers a day. One of the most attractive features of the contemplated improvements will be a recreation pier. A long neck of land will be built into the lake for approximately a half-mile.

At the end there will be an enlargement of the strip of made land and on this the recreation pier is to be constructed.

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